

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

VICTOR PALACIOS,
Plaintiff,

v.

COSCO HOME AND OFFICE
PRODUCTS, INC., et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 14-cv-04066-KAW

CASE MANAGEMENT AND PRETRIAL
ORDER FOR JURY TRIAL

1. TRIAL DATE

a. Jury trial will begin on May 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the U.S. District Court, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California. For courtroom number and floor information, please check the Court's on-line calendar at www.cand.uscourts.gov/judgeswkcal one week prior to trial, or call Susan Imbriani (Judge Westmore's Courtroom Deputy) at (510) 637-3525.

b. The length of the trial will be not more than 10 days. The Court may shorten the allotted time as it deems appropriate, and may also allocate a fixed number of hours for each side. Court hours for trial normally are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., subject to the Court's availability.

2. DISCOVERY AND EXPERT DISCLOSURES

- a. All non-expert discovery shall be completed by December 7, 2015.
- b. Experts shall be disclosed and reports provided by December 7, 2015.
- c. Rebuttal experts shall be disclosed and reports provided by December 21, 2015.
- d. All discovery from experts shall be completed by January 4, 2016.

3. PRETRIAL MOTIONS

- a. The last day for hearing dispositive motions shall be February 4, 2016.
- b. Only one summary judgment motion may be filed by each side, absent leave of court. Leave of court may be sought if multiple parties comprise one or both sides.

1 Leave of court may be obtained by filing a motion for administrative relief pursuant
2 to Civ. L. R. 7-11, or by requesting a case management conference or informal
3 telephone conference.

4 c. Separate statements of undisputed facts in support of or in opposition to motions
5 for summary judgment shall NOT be filed. See Civil L. R. 56-2. The parties may
6 file a truly joint statement of undisputed facts only if all parties agree that the facts
7 are undisputed.

8 d. Objections to evidence may no longer be filed separately but must be contained
9 within the opposition or reply brief or memorandum. Civil L. R. 7-3.

10 e. Each party filing or opposing a motion shall also serve and file a proposed order
11 which sets forth the relief or action sought and a short statement of the rationale of
12 decision, including citation of authority that the party requests the court to adopt.

13 f. Chambers copies of each electronically-filed dispositive motion must include on
14 each page the running header created by the ECF system and must be delivered to
15 the Clerk's Office by noon the day following its filing. All documents must be
16 stapled or bound by a two-pronged fastener, and all exhibits to declarations or
17 requests for judicial notice must be tabbed.

18 g. In addition, counsel shall email copies of all motions for summary judgment in
19 standard Word format (.doc or .docx, and not .pdf format) to
20 kawpo@cand.uscourts.gov.

21 4. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

22 The parties are ordered to participate in mediation through the Northern District ADR
23 program, which shall be completed by October 30, 2015.

24 5. PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

25 a. A pretrial conference shall be held on April 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Lead counsel
26 who will try the case (or the party if pro se) must attend. The timing of disclosures required by
27 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) and other pretrial disclosures shall be governed by this
28 order.

b. By March 18, 2016, thirty (30) days prior to the date of the pretrial conference, lead counsel shall meet and confer regarding:

- (1) Preparation and content of the joint pretrial conference statement;
- (2) Preparation and exchange of pretrial materials to be served and lodged pursuant to paragraph 5(c) below; and
- (3) Settlement of the action.

c. By March 29, 2016, twenty (20) days prior to the pretrial conference, counsel and/or parties shall:

- (1) Serve and file a joint pretrial statement that includes the pretrial disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3) as well as the following supplemental information:

(a) *The Action.*

- (i) Substance of the Action. A brief description of the substance of claims and defenses which remain to be decided.
- (ii) Relief Prayed. A detailed statement of all the relief claims, particularly itemizing all elements of damages claimed as well as witnesses, documents or other evidentiary material to be presented concerning the amount of those damages.

(b) *The Factual Basis of the Action.*

- (i) Undisputed Facts. A plain and concise statement of all relevant facts not reasonably disputable, as well as which facts parties will stipulate for incorporation into the trial record without the necessity of supporting testimony or exhibits.
- (ii) Disputed Factual Issues. A plain and concise statement of all disputed factual issues which remain to be decided.
- (iii) Agreed Statement. A statement assessing whether all or part of the action may be presented upon an agreed statement of

1 facts.

2 (iv) Stipulations. A statement of stipulations requested or
3 proposed for pretrial or trial purposes.

4 (c) *Disputed Legal Issues*.

5 Without extended legal argument, a concise statement of each
6 disputed point of law concerning liability or relief, citing supporting
7 statutes and decisions.

8 (d) *Trial Preparation*.

9 (i) Witnesses to Be Called. With regard to witnesses disclosed
10 pursuant to Federal Civil Rule of Civil Procedure
11 26(a)(3)(A), a brief statement describing the substance of the
12 testimony to be given.

13 (ii) Estimate of Trial Time. An estimate of the number of hours
14 needed for the presentation of each party's case, indicating
15 possible reductions in time through proposed stipulations,
16 agreed statements of facts, or expedited means of presenting
17 testimony and exhibits.

18 (iii) Use of Discovery Responses. Designate excerpts from
19 discovery that the parties intend to present at trial, other than
20 solely for impeachment or rebuttal, from depositions
21 specifying the witness page and line references, from
22 interrogatory answers, or from responses to requests for
23 admission.

24 (e) *Trial Alternatives and Options*.

25 (i) Settlement Discussion. A statement summarizing the status
26 of settlement negotiations and indicating whether further
27 negotiations are likely to be productive.

28 (ii) Amendments, Dismissals. A statement of requested or

proposed amendments to pleadings or dismissals of parties,
claims or defenses.

(f) *Miscellaneous.*

Any other subjects relevant to the trial of the action or material to its
just, speedy and inexpensive determination.

- (2) Serve and file trial briefs (not to exceed 25 pages), which shall specify each cause of action and defense remaining to be tried along with a statement of the applicable legal standard (no opposition shall be filed);
- (3) Serve and file no more than ten motions in limine, which shall be filed in one document not to exceed 25 pages;
- (4) Serve and file proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions, verdict forms and excerpts from discovery that will be offered at trial (include a copy of the deposition testimony or admission). The parties shall submit proposed jury instructions **jointly**. If there are any instructions on which the parties cannot agree, those instructions may be submitted separately. The parties shall submit a **jointly prepared** proposed form of verdict, or, if the parties cannot agree, their respective proposals;
- (5) Serve and file an exhibit setting forth the qualifications and experience for each expert witness;
- (6) Serve and file a list of each party's exhibits by number (plaintiff) or letter (defendant), including a brief statement describing the substance and purpose of each exhibit and the name of the sponsoring witness;
- (7) Exchange exhibits which shall be premarked with an exhibit sticker tabbed and in binders. Plaintiff shall use numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) and defendant shall use numbers preceded by a letter (A-1, A-2, A-3, etc.). Additional parties shall also use a letter preceding numbers (B-1, B-2, B-3, or C-1, C-2, C-3, etc.); and
- (8) Deliver three sets of all premarked exhibits to chambers, tabbed and in

binders (exhibits are not to be filed). The exhibits shall be marked with the following tag (or similar):

<p>UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA</p> <p>Case No. _____</p> <p>Trial Exhibit _____</p> <p>Date Admitted _____</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Susan Imbriani Deputy Clerk</p>
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No party shall be permitted to call any witness or offer any exhibit in its case in chief that is not disclosed in its pretrial statement, exchanged with opposing counsel, and delivered to the Court, twenty (20) days prior to the pretrial conference, without leave of the Court and for good cause. Furthermore, all parties are reminded of their disclosure duties under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26. Any document or witness that should have been disclosed under Rule 26 will not be introduced at trial.

d. By April 8, 2016, ten (10) days prior to the pretrial conference, after meeting and conferring in a good faith attempt to resolve any objections, counsel and/or parties shall serve and file: (1) any objections to exhibits or to use of deposition excerpts or other discovery; (2) any objections to witnesses, including the qualifications of an expert witness; (3) any objection to proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions and verdict forms that the parties have been unable in good faith to resolve; (4) any opposition to a motion *in limine*. No replies shall be filed. The parties shall not file separate objections, apart from those contained in the motions in limine, to the opposing party's witness list, exhibit list or discovery designations.

e. All motions shall be heard at the pretrial conference unless otherwise ordered.

6. JURY TRIAL

a. The attached voir dire questionnaire (or similar) shall be given or presented to the venire members to be answered orally in Court. Counsel shall submit an agreed upon set of additional voir dire questions to be posed by the Court. Any voir dire questions on which counsel

cannot agree may be submitted separately. Counsel shall be allowed brief follow-up voir dire after the Court's questioning.

b. The following jury instructions from the Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions (available on the Ninth Circuit website at <http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov>) shall be given absent objection: 1.1-1.2, 1.6-1.14, 1.18, 2.11, 3.1-3.3. Counsel shall submit jointly an agreed upon set of case specific instructions, using the Ninth Circuit Manual where appropriate. Do not submit duplicates of those listed above. Any instructions on which counsel cannot agree may be submitted separately. Each requested instruction shall be typed in full on a separate page with citations to the authority upon which it is based and a reference to the party submitting it. A second blind copy of each instruction and verdict form shall also be submitted omitting the citation to authority and the reference to the submitting party.

7. In addition to electronic filing, Counsel shall email copies of all proposed jury instructions, motions *in limine*, forms of verdict, and trial briefs in standard Word format (.doc or .docx, not .pdf format) to kawpo@cand.uscourts.gov.

8. SUMMARY OF DATES

Trial	May 2, 2016
Pretrial Conference	April 19, 2016
Objections	April 8, 2016
Joint Pretrial Statement	March 29, 2016
Meet and Confer	March 18, 2016
Last day to Hear Dispositive Motions	February 4, 2016
Close of Expert Discovery	January 4, 2016
Rebuttal Expert Disclosure and Reports Provided	December 21, 2015
Expert Disclosure and Reports Provided	December 7, 2015
Non-Expert Discovery Cut-off	December 7, 2015
ADR Completion	October 30, 2015
Deadline to Amend Pleadings	May 22, 2015

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The parties are reminded that they shall use available discovery devices, e.g., subpoenas, before filing joint letters regarding discovery disputes.

A further Case Management Conference is scheduled for May 26, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. An updated Joint Case Management Conference Statement is due May 19, 2015.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 03/20/15


KANDIS A. WESTMORE
United States Magistrate Judge

United States District Court
Northern District of California

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out this form as completely as possible and print clearly. Since we want to make copies for the attorneys and the Court, do not write on the back of any page. If you need more room, continue at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Your name:

2. Your age: _____

3. The city where you live: _____

How long have you lived there: _____

4. Your place of birth: _____

5. Do you rent or own your own home? _____

6. Your marital status: (circle one)

single married live with partner separated divorced widowed

7. What is your occupation, and how long have you worked in it? (If you are retired, please describe your main occupation when you were working).

8. Who is (or was) your employer?

9. Please list the occupations of any adults with whom you live.

10. If you have children, please list their ages and gender and, if they are employed, please give their occupations.

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11. Please describe your educational background:
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- Major areas of study: _____
12. Have you ever served on a jury before? _____ How many times? _____
- If yes: State/County Court _____ Federal Court _____
- When? _____
- Was it a civil or criminal case? _____
- Did the jury(ies) reach a verdict? _____
13. Have you ever served on a grand jury? _____
- If yes: State/County Court _____ Federal Court _____
- When? _____
- Was it a civil or criminal? _____
14. Have you ever served in the military? _____
- If yes: Country you served _____
- Branch _____
- Length of Service _____
- Last Rank _____
15. Attached is a list of the parties in this case, the law firms representing the parties, attorneys in this case, and persons who are potential witnesses in this case. Do you know, or think you know, any of the persons listed?
- Yes: _____ No: _____
- If so, make a checkmark next to their name.